

Travis (HB 1899)**Act No.**

Prior law defined "all-terrain vehicle" and "marine product". New law includes "all-terrain vehicle trailer" within the definition of "all terrain vehicle" and includes "boat trailer" or "watercraft trailer" within the definition of "marine product".

New law defines "area of responsibility", "boat", "boat package", and "marine motor".

Existing law makes it unlawful for a manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, distributor branch or factory branch, or officer, agent, or other representative to engage in certain activities.

New law also prohibits a manufacturer or distributor from changing the area of responsibility as defined by the commission or as described in the franchise, sales and service, or other contractual agreement between such motorcycle, marine, or all-terrain vehicle manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, distributor branch, or factory branch and said motorcycle, marine, or all-terrain vehicle dealer. New law further prohibits a manufacturer or distributor from entering into a franchise, sales and service, or similar agreement that would add an additional marine, motorcycle, or all-terrain vehicle dealership within an existing dealer's area of responsibility. The provisions of new law shall not apply to the relocation of an existing dealership within that dealer's area of responsibility, provided that the relocation site is not nearer or within a radius of seven miles of another dealership in the same line make operating under an agreement or franchise from the same manufacturer or distributor.

Existing law requires a manufacturer to repurchase all new and unused items from motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, trailer, motor home, bus, recreational vehicle, travel trailer, and marine dealers in the event that a dealer ceases to engage in the business of being a dealer. Failure to make such repurchase results in certain penalties.

Prior law provided that prior to making a change in the area of responsibility described in a franchise, selling, or other contractual agreement or sales and

(Amends R.S. 32:771(1) and (9) and 773.2(D); Adds R.S. 32:771(19), (20), (21), and (22), 773.1(A)(2)(m) and (n), and 773.2(E))